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TAGS: EINV, KE  
SUBJ: BARZEN OF MINNEAPOLIS: POSSIBLE NIGER SEED PROJECT

1. YOHANNIS NEGASH OF BARZEN COMPLETING VISIT TO KENYA THIS WEEK AND HOPES TO BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 10. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH TREADWELL HIS PROGRESS TO DATE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR OPIC FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN VENTURE. NEGASH TOLD ECONOFF HE BELIEVES OPIC PARTICIPATION CRITICAL FACTOR IN OBTAINING HOME OFFICE APPROVAL FOR PROJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO NEGASH, HE HAS NEGOTIATED JOINT VENTURE SEEK PRODUCTION SCHEME WITH PAUL S. KIHARA, A DEPUTY PERMSEC IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. KIHARA HAS FARM NORTH OF NAIVASHA AND WILL INITIALLY SET ASIDE 500 ACRES TO NIGER SEED PRODUCTION. KIHARA WILL ALSO BE 50 PERCENT PARTNER IN BARZEN INTERNATIONAL WHICH IS BEING SET UP TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL SEED, FUNGICIDE, AND PESTICIDE PROJECTS IN KENYA.  
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